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1. The 15, 17 and 18 Armies, 2 Field Army (FA), under KUNG Tsung-chou (孔從周), have left Szechuan and Ich'ang to go north via Hankow.* Through 16 March 70,000 troops had passed through Hankow going north.

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2. as of 19 March, three armies of the 2 FA and one army, about 13,000 men, of the 1 FA will move to the Northeast, then to Korea.

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3. On 9 March the 95 and 96 Divisions, 32 Army,** and the 26*** and 29**** Armies left Yingkow on their way to the Korean front via Antung. Their total strength was over 50,000, mostly with American equipment.

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4. On 16 March, 2,000 troops of the 66 Army passed through Peiping on their way to Hankow. the same number of men of this army arrived at Hsintang (新塘) via the Canton-Hankow railroad for regrouping and retraining. Many of the troops were over 50 or under 16. They were well-equipped, but two-thirds were new recruits.

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* Comment. According to information available to this office, the 15 Army is subordinate to the 4 Army Group (AG) and the 17 and 18 Armies to the 5 AG, which is commanded by YANG Yun. The 15 Army has been reported in Yunnan and Kwangsi; according to a news broadcast around 21 February it was moving north to Korea. The 17 and 18 Armies were reported by another agency during January and February to be in Kweichow and Kwangsi. According to another agency, before 31 March the 10, 11, 12, 25X1 60 and possibly 61 Armies had moved from Szechuan through Hankow north.

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** Comment. This army was reported to be both in Korea and Kwangtung during January.

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*** Comment. According to another agency, on 23 March this army was in Korea.

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**** Comment. This army was reported to be in Fukien and east Kwangtung during March

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